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PARCELS EXPRESS AGENCY, in connection with **WHEATLEY & Co., LONDON**. Packages Received for transmission to Great Britain by each P. & O. Mail; Charges can be Collected either here or in England. The following particulars of Packages are required—Contents, Value, Address of Consignee, and whether Insurance be desired.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "CYPRINES," Captain Wood, will be dispatched as above on WEDNESDAY Next, the 16th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, S. S. Cyphrenes.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja16

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. Young, will be dispatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Agents, S. S. Cyphrenes.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

FOR HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "ALBANY," Captain F. Ashton, will be dispatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Agents, S. S. Cyphrenes.

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B. S. HEMERLIDA, FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Goods remaining in store after the 16th Instant will be subject to rent.

J. Y. V. SHAW, Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja15

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING TO-DAY, the Macao Steamer will leave Hongkong at 2 p.m., and Macao at 8 a.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. ja17

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, January 7th, 1878. In accordance with a Resolution passed at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of July 5th, 1877, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Shareholders of 10% per Share for the year ending the 30th September, 1877, and a further Dividend of 10% per Share, being interest on Shareholders' Capital at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, for the quarter ending December, 1877.

The above Dividends (10% per Share) will be Payable on the 16th Instant, at the Office of the Secretaries to Shareholders of record on the 10th Instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 15th Instant, inclusive.

Persons collecting Dividends for absent Shareholders are requested to exhibit their Powers of Attorney for registry at this Office.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Chivers.—Melchers & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BARBER, British brig, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

GLADSTONE, British barque, Capt. Lang.—Chinese.

YESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.—Melchers & Co.

H. O. RICHMOND, German ship, Captain R. O. Bick.—Wm. Pustan & Co.

FRANCON, British barque, Captain H. D. W. Schul.—Wieler & Co.

ELINA, German barque, Captain H. J. Gnan.—Wm. Pustan & Co.

ADRIANA & MARINA, German barque, Captain C. N. Dahl.—Wm. Pustan & Co.

WARRIOR, British barque, Captain William Baumann.—Wieler & Co.

QUICKSILVER, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAN, German brig, Captain Kaemmer.—Melchers & Co.

MANITA, British steamer, Capt. J. H. Braker.—Stemmen & Co.

YACHTMAN, British barque, Captain R. Mith.—Wm. Pustan & Co.

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FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Cyphrenes having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Barge delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given by 4 p.m. To-day. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, S. S. Cyphrenes.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 13, Yangtze, British steamer, 763, E. Schultze, Chinkiang Jan. 8, and Woosung 9, Rice and General.—STERNER & Co.

Jan. 13, Faugh-a-Balough, German barque, 240, Risto, Man-tong Dec. 28, Salt.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

Jan. 13, Emerald, British steamer, 395, Cullen, Manila Jan. 11, General.—J. Y. V. SHAW.

Jan. 13, H. M. S. Vigilant, from Macao. Jan. 18, Teikong Tsing, Chinese R. Co., from a cruise.

Jan. 13, Amboto, British steamer, 978, Brown, Wuhu Dec 30, Chinkiang Jan. 6, and Woosung 10, Rice.—MYER & Co.

Jan. 14, 2 a.m., Geelong, British steamer, 1125, O. Fraser, Shanghai Jan. 11, 4 a.m., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 14, Cyphrenes, British steamer, 1290, Wood, London Nov. 10, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 8, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Jan. 14, Montara, British schooner, 74, Ravnkilde, Pelow Islands Jan. 3, Boche-de-mar.—ORDER.

Jan. 14, Malacca, British steamer, 1104, H. E. Smith, Yokohama Jan. 8, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 14, Wachi, British steamer, 265, A. Hunter, Haiphong Jan. 8, Rice.—LANDSTEIN & Co.

Jan. 14, Cassandra, German steamer, 937, U. Langer, Saigon Jan. 7, Rice.—Wm. PUSTAN & Co.

Jan. 14, Albany, British steamer, 366, F. Ashton, Haiphong Jan. 7, and Holhow 10, Rice and Tin.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

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DEPARTURES.

Jan. 13, Formosa, for Whampoa.

13, Stentor, for Shanghai.

13, Peruvia, for Honolulu and Peru.

13, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

13, Pearl, for Swatow.

13, Yangtze, for Canton.

13, Fuyew, for Shanghai.

13, Leeyuen, for Canton.

13, Emmy, for Manila.

13, Chefoo, for Shanghai.

13, Tintern Abbey, for Saigon.

13, Cresswell, for Bangkok.

13, Peter, for Taiwan.

14, Emma, for Amoy.

14, Amboto, for Whampoa.

14, Salisbury, for Manila.

14, Hailong, for Tamsui, &c.

14, Emerald, for Amoy.

14, Galatea, for Shanghai.

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CLEARED.

Thoon Kramon, for Bangkok.

Conquest, for Holhow.

Alexandria, for Chefoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Geelong, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs W. M. Osborne, J. M. Davies, J. S. Taylor, G. B. Young, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. G. Goetz, Miss S. Frigg, and Mr. J. K. Scott, and 80 Chinese; for Southampton, Capt. Paynter; for London, 1 Distressed British Seaman.

Per Cyphrenes, from London, port of call and Singapore for Hongkong, Capt. Graham and Mr. Hageman. For Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Palmer.

Per Malacca, from Yokohama, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Emile, Mr. Roper and two distressed British subjects, and 30 Chinese.

Per Emerald, from Manila, 2 Europeans and 280 Chinese.

Per Casandra, from Saigon, 41 Chinese.

Per Albany, from Haiphong and Holhow, 28 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Douglas, for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw, Messrs Pohl, Clayton, Saunders, A. K. and D. O. Travers, Coker, Hughes, Williamson, Rikard, Rashleigh, Gray, and Hynes; for Fochow, Messrs W. S. Young and McGregor.

Per Fortaria, for Honolulu and Peru, Messrs H. Seymour Geary and D. Appleton.

Per Fuyew, for Shanghai, 1 Cabin, and 14 Chinese.

Per Emmy, for Manila, 164 Chinese.

Per Chefoo, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans deck, and Sundry Chinese.

Per Cresswell, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per Emma, for Amoy, 4 Chinese.

Per Tintern Abbey, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

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PASSENGERS.

Per Stentor, for Shanghai, 1 European. Per Pearl, for Swatow, 90 Chinese. Per Malacca, for Singapore, 201 Chinese. Per Emerald, for Amoy, 280 Chinese. Per Hailong, for Amoy, &c., 100 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Thoon Kramon, for Bangkok, 3 Chinese. Per Conquest, for Holhow, 60 Chinese. Per Alexandria, for Chefoo, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Yangtze reports: Strong monsoon throughout the passage. Passed U. S. S. Ranger off Hailan Point, and French Mail steamer off Breaker Point. The British steamer Emerald reports: Strong N.E. gale and heavy sea throughout the passage. Shipping heavy weather.

The British steamer Amboto reports: Left Wuhu for Chinkiang on 8th Dec., arriving same day, left Chinkiang for Wosung on Jan. 6th, arriving on the 9th, and left on the 10th for Whampoa. Had steady Northerly winds to Turnabout Island, from which up to Lamook Island, fresh gales from N.N.E., when weather moderated, thence to port light Northerly winds and fine. Passage 3 days 12 hours.

The British steamer Geelong reports: Experienced fresh N.N.W. and N.E. winds with overcast weather during the passage.

The British steamer Cyphrenes reports: From London to Singapore fine; from thence to port strong monsoon and high sea.

The British steamer Malacca reports: First part of voyage hard N.W. gale, from Cape Chichahoff to port strong N.E. monsoon and overcast weather.

The British steamer Wachi reports: Strong gales from N.E. throughout the passage, and very heavy sea on the 9th inst., when lost a man (Chinese) overboard.

The German steamer Casandra reports: Strong monsoon to Cape Varella, from thence to port very stormy weather and much rain with a very high sea.

The British steamer Albany reports: From Haiphong to Holhow experienced strong N.E. winds and cloudy weather, and from Holhow to Hongkong encountered a strong gale, with rain from N. to N.E. with a very heavy sea and cold rainy weather. Steamer in Haiphong, W. Corbet de Price—to leave the same day as ourselves.

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POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALOUTTA.—

Per Venice and Hindostan, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per Cyphrenes, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—

Per Taiwan, at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG, with Mails for Pakhoi and Haoul.—

Per Albany, at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet GEELONG will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 16th Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 17th Instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom by Air Mail, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, January 7, 1878. ja17

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet City of Peking will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

11 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 a.m. Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 12, 1878. ja19

MAILS BY THE FARMER PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet TIGRE will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 24th inst. with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Havre, St. Nazaire, and Southampton, New Zealand, Australia, New Caledonia, Tahiti, and the Sandwich Islands, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *Post to India only* they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 23rd Inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

Hongkong, January 19, 1878. ja24

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

3 p.m.—Venice and Hindostan leaves for Singapore, &c.

Goods per Emerald undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the Estate of James Smith Ferries, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 16:—

Noon.—Cyphrenes leaves for Shanghai.

Goods per Sindh undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

THURSDAY, January 17:—

Daylight.—Taiwan leaves for Coast Ports.

Daylight.—Albany leaves for Holhow, &c.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per Galatea undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, January 19:—

Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, January 21:—

Goods per Cyphrenes undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 25:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50 A, Queen's Road.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. K. Hotel Co., Limited, at Hongkong Hotel.

FRIDAY, February 1:—

8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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On Silk-worm Oaks.

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A Chinese Advertisement.

Studies of Words.

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A Chinese Coin.

The Desert of Gobi.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

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THE A. D. C. AT THE CITY HALL.

The Amateur Dramatic Club gave a performance in the Theatre, City Hall, on Saturday night, which, as is usual on such occasions, was numerously and fashionably attended. H. E. Mr. Pope Hennessy, and Mrs. Hennessy, accompanied by Admiral Veron, were present; and the curtain rose, as notified, at 8 o'clock sharp.

The comedietta "Nine Points of the Law" (by Tom Taylor) is a pleasant and sparkling little piece well suited for Amateurs; and with the strong cast made for the present occasion there could be only one opinion of its success. Almost every one of the actors were veterans, and the result proved that they are equal to even greater things than they have yet attempted. As for the "Nine Points," however, it seemed to go with a smoothness and an absence of all apparent effort or shortcoming which is seldom attained by unprofessional actors. We are glad again to welcome Miss Auld, a lady whose former achievements on the Hongkong boards had already placed her high in the ranks of our local dramatists.

Her personation of the good-looking, fair-spoken, and wheedling widow (Mrs. Smylie) was a study in female acting which one but seldom meets with amongst amateurs. In her every movement, her every tone, and every expression, she was a woman, and a widow; and the care with which she observed the minutiae of her part clearly showed that she is not only an able but a painstaking actress. Her get-up was unexceptionable; her acting was, to our mind, perfect. Miss Sybil Gray, who played the part of the widow's niece (Katie Macpherson), looked well, and seemed considerably at her ease; while she ought to improve even upon this creditable first appearance by the example of such acting as that of the talented widow. Sarah Jane (Miss Ada Cavendish) was as well-dressed and well-behaved a village school-girl as any one could wish to see. Joseph Ironside was the part taken by Mr. Hockley; and to those conversant with the Hongkong stage for the last dozen years, this statement would be sufficient for he has played many parts and always played them well. But his role of Saturday was one which suited him admirably, or which is better, was made to appear to do so. He was the gruff, old, honest Lancashire cotton-spinner all over; and the way in which he got "wheeled" in spite of himself, in the scene with the fascinating widow, and the manner in which he met Hollingstone's blustering, were excellent illustrations of this actor's mellowed power and matured facility.

One of the characteristics of Mr. Hawkins, who is also a local veteran, is the general excellence of his "make-up," and his appearance as Cunningham, the attorney, was no exception to this rule. He also acted with great spirit, and tumbled over into the meshes prepared for him by the widow in the most headlong and unprofessional manner imaginable. Mr. Sydenham, who has apparently grown out of his former specialty, appeared on this occasion as the brisk young lawyer and lover (John Britton), and a very capable young attorney and taking lover he turned out to be. Rodomont Hollingstone, the unamiable character of the piece, was taken by Mr. MacGlashan; and it must be said that this mercurial, scheming, blustering, love-making adventurer could not well have been better personated than he was on this occasion. The unpopular part was made very unpopular; while the reality of the acting was applauded, as it deserved. There was, as we have said, scarcely a sign of weakness all through the piece; and we think it was an undoubted success.

Selby's "Boots at the Swan" is not a brilliant farce, although, in the hands of the A.D.C., it was productive of some able and smart acting and of great fun. Mr. Traub as Jacob Barrow ("The Boots") was all that could be expected from that actor's originality and the role he had to fill. Mr. Traub stands first, we should say, in low comedy in these parts, and there are few on any amateur stage who devote themselves with such care and natural ability to making the most of a part assigned to them. His get-up was capital, and his loquacity and free-and-easiness perfect, as was fully shown by the hearty bursts of merriment which followed his rendering all through. When he turned himself into an amateur "hobby," and allowed the joke to develop into a reality that he became drunk and nearly incapable, his acting was admirable. But there was no very great point in the piece; and the subject matter seemed to be rather beneath the actor's powers. Mr. Henry Higgins was played by Mr. Higgins; he was nearly bored to death by Boots, and being in troubled love, he looked so throughout the part. Mr. Plover, with Mr. Traub did much to give life and soul to the farce, and he is a decided acquisition to the Club. It is a decided acquisition to the Club. It is a decided acquisition to the Club. It is a decided acquisition to the Club.

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ness was to steal jam when he could and whine when he was caught, and this he did well. The female characters were well-taken by the same actresses whose names we have already given, viz., Miss Auld (Cecilia Moonshine), Miss Sybil Gray (Emily Trevor), and Miss Ada Cavendish (Sally Smith). Miss Moonshine's romantic style was capital hit off, and the elation she displayed while producing her tragedy which would best shake the audience was highly amusing. Her poetical scourgings, however, were rudely shaken by Frank Friskly who breaks into her presence as an escaped convict hunted down, and hoodwinked her. Indeed, the whole piece is severely ironical, and contains a suggestive moral on the subject of ill-judged sentimentalism and ignorant romanticism. The other parts were well sustained.

As a friend remarked at the close of the performance, "You cannot say too much in praise of the *Atalante* Band;" and it must be freely admitted that the musical treat afforded by the courtesy of Admiral Veron was one not frequently to be met with. The Band of the French flag, as we had mentioned, is one of the best naval bands we ever heard; and the appreciation of the Hongkong public was fully shown by the hearty applause which followed every selection which it played. Unfortunately many of the audience lost the last selection (the famous "Reveille"), as they left the theatre when the curtain fell.

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On the other hand they had to consider whether or not the accident was caused by undue chemical and mechanical action on a plate which the engineer thought to be good, but which turned out to be of an inferior quality, and consequently misled them as to its strength. But in coming to their decision—whatever that might be, whether both prisoners or either of them were guilty or not guilty—they should bear in mind the evidence of Messrs. Gillies, Robb and Turner as to the duties of an engineer.

The Jury then retired at 12.35 p.m. to deliberate on their verdict. In exactly an hour afterwards the Lordship said the Jury could not agree upon one point; and he had called them to come into Court again.

When they came into Court, the Foreman said the Jurors were in doubts as to what was culpable negligence, and could not agree on that point. His Lordship said, they must find culpable negligence, otherwise it would be no offence. Culpable negligence was a neglect of personal duty. With regard to the 1st prisoner it consisted in not finding out the state of the boiler and reporting it to the Captain. As to the 2nd prisoner the breach of duty consisted in his not reporting to the Chief Engineer the state of the stoves which he had discovered and which he reported to the 2nd engineer. After quoting the ruling of Lord Denman in a case, His Lordship said if the prisoners' negligence contributed to the death of the two men, they were guilty of culpable negligence.

The Jury then retired again, and after the absence of 20 minutes came into Court, and pronounced both prisoners guilty on both counts by a majority of 4 to 3. The Foreman said the Jury wished to add that they were unanimous that there were strongly extenuating circumstances owing to the faulty construction of the boilers.

His Lordship said there were then the points of law reserved, and deferred sentence. Mr. Hayllar and Mr. Francis both applied for bail, which His Lordship granted in the same amount as before.

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UNLAWFUL POSSESSION. Li Aiat, Chan Awan, boatmen, were charged by Chinese Constable No. 201 with being found in possession of a bag of rice of which they could not give a satisfactory account, and were fined 20 shillings or one month's hard labour.

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Drunks. Williams Huit, a seaman unemployed, was charged with the above offence by P. C. White (No. 42). It appears that defendant had been to a public-house drinking other people's liquor, and this led to a disturbance. Fined \$2 or 7 days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

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GZELONG, Captain FRASER, will leave
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For further Particulars, apply to
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THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
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Freight will be received on board until
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

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TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE
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TWO cents a character for the first 100
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Efforts have been made to establish
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the ports and in the interior of China, all
the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore,
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and other places which Chinese frequent.
When the list of Agents is completed,
it will be published. Agents have been
already established in most of the above
places, and in important ports more than
one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,

Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1874

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Indus, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
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at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WED-
NESDAY, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon,
will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1878. ja16

GERMAN STEAMER GALATEA,
BOHME, Master, FROM HAMBURG,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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Bark VEGA, Nordqvist, Master,
from HAMBURG, are requested to take
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Cargo impeding the discharge will be
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OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at
the Rate of FIVE TAELS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
record on the 1st October. Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.
Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders or their lawful
representatives on presentation of Share
Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saidon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matched, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
£50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000

Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq., C. KREBS, Esq.,
M. P. EVANS, Esq., C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.
London Bankers:
Messrs. BARNES BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ocl

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
(LIMITED.)

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

**INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER and
Special Act of Parliament.**

ESTABLISHED 1803.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors:

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.
RANG YEE, Merchant.
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.
CHOY CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on
Buildings and on Goods stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
DISCOUNT of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 43, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follow:-

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1873.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Section.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Amoy	5	Drewes	Brit. str.	876	Jan. 8	Stamessen & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Bombay	5	Briscoe	Brit. str.	1079	Jan. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Malls
Caribbrooke	2	Wharton	Brit. str.	986	Dec. 19	Man Hing Chan	Thama & S. F. also	Repeating
City of Peking	3	Tanner	Amer. str.	5079	Jan. 6	P. M. S. S. Co.	Holhow & Halphong	To-day
Conquest	5	Hamlin	Brit. str.	317	Jan. 9	Kwong Lee Yuen	Shanghai	To-day
Cypresses	5	Wood	Brit. str.	1290	Jan. 14	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Amoy	Tug Flying
Emeralda	5	Gallen	Brit. str.	395	Jan. 13	J. Y. V. Shaw	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Fame	5	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	Jan. 25	H. K. & W. P. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Flintshire	5	Thomas	Brit. str.	1243	Dec. 25	H. K. & W. P. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Galatea	5	Bohme	Ger. str.	1287	Jan. 10	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Geelong	5	Fraser	Brit. str.	1125	Jan. 14	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Halloong	5	Abbott	Brit. str.	277	Jan. 11	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hindostan	5	Gardner	Brit. str.	931	Jan. 3	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Kelchow	5	Boeker	Brit. str.	1060	Jan. 12	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	To-day
Marica	5	Manios	Span. str.	359	Oct. 18	Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Mariveles	5	Goyenches	Span. str.	500	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Panay	5	Thomson	Brit. str.	1201	Jan. 6	H. Kier & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Sea Gull	5	Roberts	Brit. str.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company	Shanghai	To-day
Sin Nansing	5	Drage	Brit. str.	714	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Taiwan	5	Yung	Brit. str.	408	Jan. 12	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Venice	5	Rhode	Brit. str.	1271	Jan. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Yesso	5	S. Ashton	Brit. str.	559	Nov. 22	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day

Sailing Vessels									
Ada Wiswell	2	h	Wiswell	Am. Sm. sc.	558	Nov. 28	Captain		
Adelina & Marianne	2	c	Dahl	Ger. bge.	300	Jan. 7	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Alden Besse	2	c	Noyes	Amer. bge.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Alexandra	3	c	Elliot	Brit. bge.	407	Nov. 26	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Alphington	3	c	Cunningham	Brit. bge.	326	Sept. 6	Wieler & Co.		For Sale
Amie Florence	3	c	Johnson	Brit. bge.	557	Dec. 8	Borneo Co., Limited		Sands' Slip
Angeles	2	c	Barbeyron	Foh. bge.	891	Nov. 14	Carlowitz & Co.		
Anna	3	c	Jessen	Ger. bge.	447	Jan. 7	Edward Schellhass & Co.		Melbourne & Sydney
Annie Lorway	2	c	Gales	Brit. bge.	752	Jan. 8	Ohiness		
Annie S. Smull	2	c	Packer	Amer. sh.	1053	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.		
Annie S. Hall	2	c	Nelson	Amer. bkline.	455	Dec. 10	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		Nagasaki
Assens	7	k	Wandel	Dan. bge.	285	Dec. 4	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
B. F. Watson	3	k	Hawkins	Amer. bge.	993	Nov. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		New York
Beethoven	3	k	Haje	Ger. bge.	540	Nov. 25	Melchers & Co.		
Birker	3	k	Reynolds	Brit. sh.	1008	Dec. 11	Order		Manila
Brisbane	4	c	Endleston	Brit. bge.	334	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Broomhall	4	c	Bate	Brit. sh.	1379	Oct. 28	Meyer & Co.		
Carl Ritter	7	h	Laussen	Ger. bge.	698	Jan. 6	Stemessen & Co.		London
Ceres	4	c	Specht	Ger. bge.	420	Jan. 30	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Charlotte Andrews	3	c	Seattle	Brit. bge.	553	Nov. 30	Rozario & Co.		
Charter Oak	3	c	Staples	Amer. sh.	983	Oct. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		Honolulu
Clarnum	3	h	Shrewsbury	Brit. sh.	880	Sept. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		San Francisco
City of Halifax	3	h	Evans	Brit. sh.	880	Dec. 24	Meyer & Co.		
Clara	3	c	Chalmers	Brit. sh.	938	Nov. 7	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		Wanchai Pier
Coraean	3	h	Vincent	Amer. coh.	150	Sept. 26	Insurance Co.		
Danpha	3	c	Lehonnais	Foh. bge.	318	Jan. 7	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
E. von Beaulieu	3	c	Schneider	Ger. bge.	336	Jan. 8	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Eryo	3	c	Tozer	Brit. bge.	389	Dec. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		Wanchai Pier